IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Stephen C. Knight

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT D

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination as set forth on the following pages. Excess claims fees have been paid electronically. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other SMALL ENTITY fee required by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, ref. VEK-001.01.